GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:129
ANSWERED ON:27.10.2008
DEVELOPMENT OF DAIRY FARMING INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dairy farming has a huge potential for its development as an important industry in the rural areas for providing additional employment to the landless agricultural labourers;

(b) if so,whether the Government has identified the difficulties in the development of Dairy farming as an important industry;and

(c) if so,the details thereof alongwith the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.129 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27 OCTOBER, 2008.

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. Government has identified some constraints in the development of dairy farming. These are: (i) Small herd size and poor productivity; (ii) Inadequate availability of quality breeding bulls, both for artificial insemination (AI) and natural service; (iii) Dwindling feed and fodder resources and poor resource management; (iv) High rate of incidences of infectious diseases of dairy animals and inadequate availability of vaccines and diagnostics at affordable prices; (v) Inadequate number of farmers organizations and breeders societies; (vi) Absence of effective extension network and (vii) Poor access to micro-finance.

In order to supplement efforts of the States to overcome above mentioned constraints, Government of India is making several policy reforms like formulation of National Livestock Policy and implementing various central and centrally sponsored schemes. These schemes address issues of improving genetic makeup of the animals,availability of feed and fodder resources,strengthening veterinary health services,insuring animals and establishment of milk procurement, processing and marketing facilities.